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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION  
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## MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

*The Board of Trustees and your Officers  
join with our beloved Pastor,  
Father George Nicozisin,  
to our founders and early predecessors  
for their many efforts  
during the past fifty years.*

*All of us cherish our memories  
of the early years  
and are forever indebted  
to the hundreds of spirited  
and dedicated men and women  
who put down  
their strong foundations.*

*We warmly extend our best wishes  
to the entire community  
and fervently hope  
that the next fifty years  
may be as productive  
and progressive  
as those that have just passed.*

**JORDAN E. PAPPAS, President**  
*Board of Trustees  
Greek Orthodox Church of the  
Annunciation*



# MESSAGE OF GENERAL CHAIRMAN

With the consecration of our church on September 8, 1968 by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church reached another milestone in its remarkable history. The Labor of Love was borne by many members who served on sundry committees to help expedite the occasion in a manner, which by now has become "the" example for other Greek Orthodox Communities to follow and emulate.

As Chairman of the Consecration Committee, appointed by the Board of Trustees, I'd like to extend the heartfelt thanks of the Board and the entire community to those hearty souls who gave so much of their time and talent so that the event finalized in the manner in which we can all be proud.

To Mrs. Dennis (Dorothy) Livadas and Evelyn Mickles go the credit of preparing and editing this Commemorative Book. To Michael Panarites and his group go the commendations for soliciting the ads which appear in this chronicle. And to ever reliable Andrew Mickles, again our thanks, for his work as chairman of the Banquet Committee. To Cleanthe Criticos and Spasia Balta for their efforts in organizing the Hostess Committee for the Banquet. For the enthusiastic response from Nicholas Gerakos, Spero Faklaris, Stamos Makridis and Chris Chillas . . . Andrew Thomolaris, Ted Pappas, James Maragos, Ann Gagon, Spacia Patterson, Irene Panarites, Don Krewer and many many more who have given of their time and effort, our warmest thanks.

One could go on and on and still human frailty would miss some individual who

made his contribution . . . some with time and treasure as well as talent, others with their help, guidance and enthusiasm . . . but somehow I feel that once again it was a community effort as it has been on many occasions in the past . . . the community . . . each and every one of us in one way or another has made it all possible. Whether it was with a contribution to the patrons listing in the book, attending the Consecration Ceremony or Banquet, soliciting an ad or buying one . . . each and everyone made it possible. And for this, each and everyone should feel proud and worthy of each other's appreciation. Last, but not least, our gratitude to Mrs. Michael (Georgia) Caccamise for her patience and assistance with the extra bookwork and secretarial help.

At a time such as this one must also look back and trace the steps that led our community to its present achievements. To Father George Gallos with whom the idea of our new buildings originated . . . to Father Peter Remoundos, whose direction and inspiration was the keynote to fulfillment . . . and to Father George Nicozisin who has made sure that our enthusiasm did not falter.

To my wife Jan for her patient understanding during the days, weeks and months that made it necessary for me to be at committee meetings. Finally, to the Board of Trustees who entrusted me with this mammoth task. It seems like it all worked out rather well. Once again I say, many thanks to everyone for helping to make it all possible.

CHAIRMAN, CONSECRATION COMMITTEE



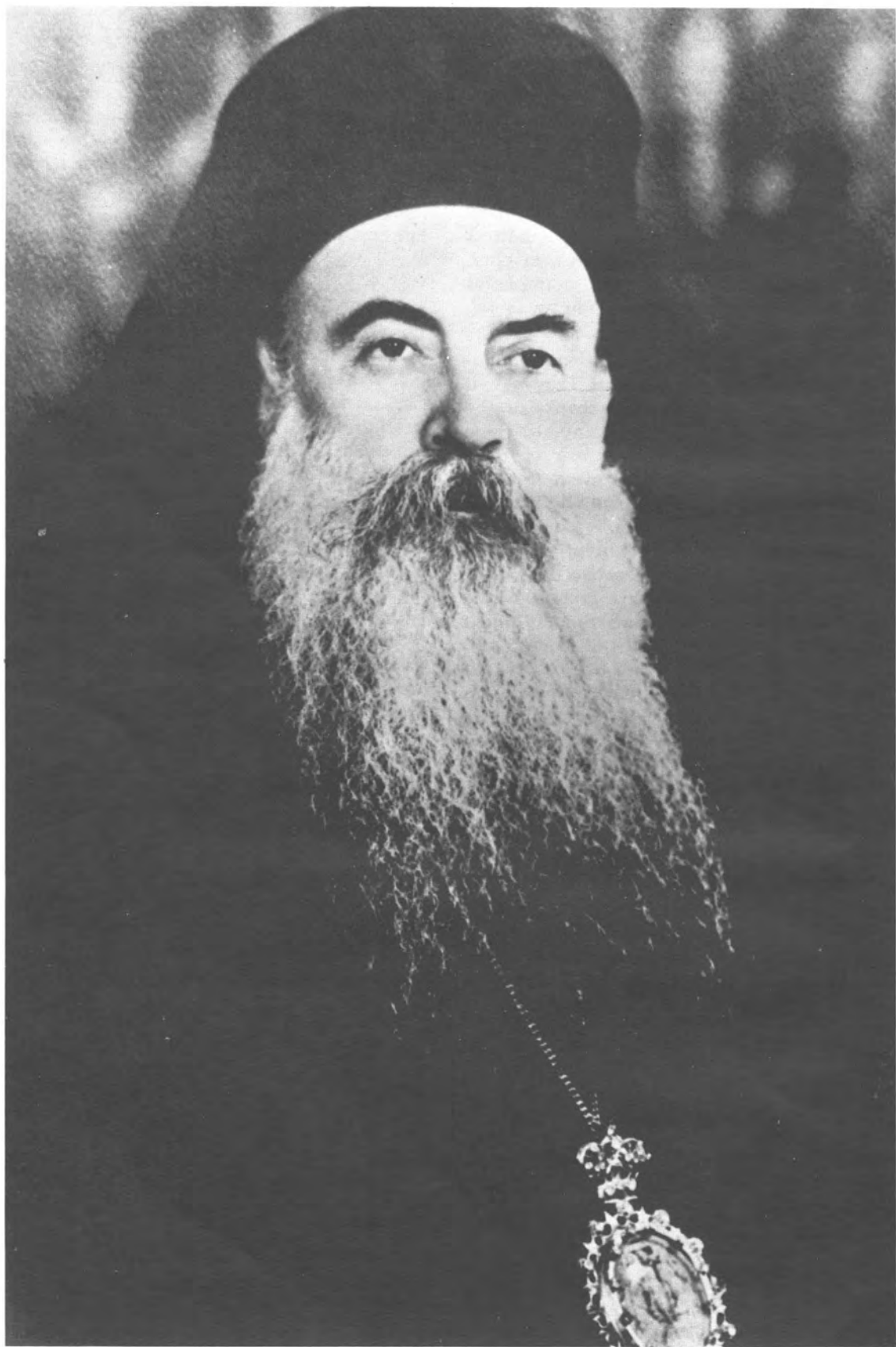

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His Holiness Athenagoras I The Ecumenical Patriarch

Τῶν ἁγίων πνευματικῶν πατέρων ἡμῶν  
ἐκ τῆς ἁγίας καὶ καθαρῆς ἐκκλησίας  
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Τῷ Αἰδεσιμωτάτῳ Πρεσβυτέρῳ κ. Γεωργίῳ Νικοζήσῃ, Ἱερατικῶς  
Προϊσταμένῳ καὶ τοῖς Ἐντιμοτάτοις κυρίοις τοῖς ἀποτελοῦσι τὸ  
Διοικητικὸν Συμβούλιον τῆς Ὁρθοδόξου Ἑλληνικῆς Κοινότητος τοῦ  
Εὐαγγελισμοῦ, τέκνοις ἡμῶν ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀγαπητοῖς, χάριν καὶ εἰρήνην  
παρά Θεοῦ.

Εἰς Πρόσεστέρ--

Λαβόντες μετὰ πολλῆς χαρᾶς ἀνέγνωμεν ἰδίᾳ τε καὶ ἐν συνεδρίῳ  
τῆς καθ' ἡμᾶς Ἀγίας καὶ Ἱερᾶς Συνόδου τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς κα' τοῦ παρελ-  
θόντος μηνὸς Μαΐου γράμμα ὑμῶν, δι' οὗ ὑποβάλλετε ἡμῖν ὅτι ἡ ὑμε-  
τέρα λαμπρά, μεγάλη καὶ ἀγαπητὴ ἡμῖν Κοινότης ἐορτάζει κατὰ τὸ πα-  
ρὸν ἔτος τὴν πεντηκοστήν ἐπέτειον ἀπὸ τῆς ἰδρύσεως αὐτῆς, ἐγκαίνια-  
ζουσα ἐν ταύτῃ καὶ τὸν νέον Ἱερόν αὐτῆς Ναόν.

Εὐχαριστοῦντες τοίνυν ὑμῖν θερμῶς διὰ τὴν ἐξαγγελίαν τοῦ εὐ-  
σήμεου τούτου γεγονότος, προαγόμεθα, ἐξ ἀποφάσεως Συνοδικῆς, συγχαρή-  
ναι μὲν ὑμῖν καὶ τοῖς ἀγαπητοῖς ἡμῖν μέλεσι τῆς ὑμετέρας Κοινότητος  
μεθ' ἧς τοσοῦτοι δεσμοὶ συνδέουσιν ἡμᾶς προσωπικῶς, διὰ τὴν ἐν τοιαύ-  
τῃ ἀκμῇ διατήρησιν αὐτῆς καὶ τὴν προαγωγὴν τῶν κατ' αὐτὴν πραγμάτων,  
εὐξασθαι δ' ὅπως ὁ Ἀρχηγὸς τῆς πίστεως ἡμῶν Χριστὸς σκέπη καὶ φρου-  
ρῇ αὐτὴν, πληθύνων τὰ μέλη αὐτῆς καὶ ἐνισχύων πάντας ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν  
διατήρησιν τῆς ἀμωμῆτος ἡμῶν πίστεως, τῶν Ἱ. Παραδόσεων τοῦ εὐσε-  
βοῦς ἡμῶν Γένους καὶ τῶν ἱδανικῶν τῆς ἀληθινοῦς Ἀμερικῆς, ὑπὸ τὴν  
θερμοουργὸν κατεύθυνσιν τῆς Α. Ἱερότητος τοῦ προσφιλοῦς καὶ ὑπερόχου  
Ἀρχιεπισκόπου ὑμῶν κ. Ἰακώβου.

Εὐλογοῦντες τὰ ἐγκαίνια τοῦ νέου ὑμῶν Ἱεροῦ Ναοῦ καὶ τὴν Πα-  
τριαρχικὴν καὶ πατρικὴν ἡμῶν εὐλογίαν πᾶσιν ὑμῖν ἀπονέμοντες, ἐπικα-  
λούμεθα ἐφ' ὑμᾶς τὴν χάριν τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τὸ ἄπειρον Αὐτοῦ ἔλεος.

Ἐκ τῆς ἁγίας καὶ καθαρῆς ἐκκλησίας  
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GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA  
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To the Reverend Priest, the Officers and  
Members of the Parish Council, and the  
Faithful Communicants of the Greek Orthodox  
Church of the Annunciation in Rochester,  
New York:

My dearly beloved in the Lord:

It is my great pleasure to extend to you my heartfelt greetings  
and congratulations on the auspicious double celebration of the 50th  
Anniversary of your Community and the Consecration of your Church on  
September 8, 1968.

As you enter upon your second half-century of dedicated  
witness to our Orthodoxy in your beautiful House of Worship, you may  
justifiably take great pride in your accomplishments, achieved as they  
were through devout efforts and with many sacrifices. But now that the  
period of establishment and consolidation, so to speak, is over, you em-  
bark on your destined future as Americans proud to be of Hellenic descent  
and faithful communicants of the Greek Orthodox Church. And it is as  
such that all of you, and especially your younger generations, who hold  
the key to your future, must begin to make more positively and more  
confidently your lasting contributions to the society and culture of this  
blessed land. It is pertinent to note, too, that your fine City of Rochester  
which has renowned traditions of culture, education and civic pride, is  
an inspiring force towards such contributions.

Above all, as you meet your future, you must have steadfast  
faith in our Lord and Master Jesus Christ to Whom we pray to give you  
strength and inspiration so that you may fulfill your destined lot as con-  
structive citizens of the United States, fervent communicants of Orthodoxy  
and co-workers in the ecumenical cause of His One Church.

With paternal blessings and sincerest  
best wishes to you all,

*Archbishop Iakovos*  
IAKOVOS

Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox  
Church of North and South America

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His Eminence The Most Reverend Iakovos Archbishop of North and South America



**CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION** | Rev. George Nicozisin  
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**GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA**

Dear Members and Friends:

The privilege of celebrating a 50th Anniversary comes but once in many lifetimes. Many of those pioneers who founded this Community a dramatic half-century ago have made their departure from this life; those still with us make up the ranks of our senior citizenry. But it goes back even further, when as young men they left their homes and villages for a New World. With them, they brought a heritage, legacy and religious background, which formed the foundation and bulwark we know today as the Annunciation Parish. Rather than assimilate into their surroundings, they chose to organize and perpetuate their faith and worship in Jesus Christ according to the precepts of the Orthodox Tradition. They married and brought children into the world to share their gifts and blessings.

Our 50th Anniversary represents more than the acquisition of properties, the erection and occupancy of buildings and their dedication. It reflects the courageous spirit and the boldness of our predecessors. But it also has its charge and responsibility.

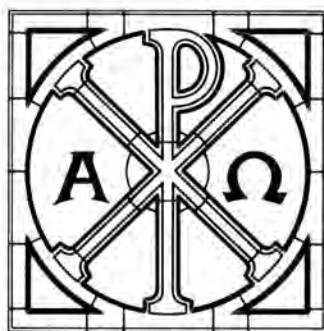
We must take the torch of Faith and Tradition handed to us by our forebearers and perpetuate it. We must equal their sacrifice and share their toil and labor. We must hold fast to our rich Orthodox heritage and pass it on from one generation to another to eternity.

Enjoy your album and reminisce over the past. A good bit of faith, love and sacrifice went into these 50 years. You have just cause to feel humbly proud and spiritually content.

Yours in Christ, our Lord,

*Fr. George Nicozisin*

(Rev.) Fr. George Nicozisin



# PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

1909-1968

REV. FR. JOHN PAPPANICOLAOU

REV. FR. PAPANEKAS

REV. FR. NICHOLAS HAJIVASILLIO

REV. FR. JOVIANOS LAVRAKAS

REV. FR. GEORGE NICOLAIDES

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REV. FR. JOHN N. GEROTHEOU

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REV. FR. PETER C. REMOUNDOS

REV. FR. GEORGE NICOZISIN



# DEDICATION

*To know a religious community one must know something of its fathers, those who gave it life and nourishment. On the solemn occasion of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Rochester's Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation the chronicle of its great accomplishments must begin with the story of Rochester's Greek pioneers. For one cannot hope to understand our church without understanding our community. The two are one, inextricably intertwined.*

*Not nostalgia but the intellectual and emotional comprehension of what life was like for that small band of immigrants of Greek extraction who first settled here leads one to see beauty and pathos in their struggle. Their story is known at first hand only to a few, and their numbers are dwindling.*

*Never, to paraphrase Winston Churchill, have so many owed so much to so few. Our present thriving community owes a debt of inestimable proportions to these pioneers for without them the dream of a church here might never have reached fruition.*

*This Fiftieth Anniversary Album is dedicated to succeeding generations in the Hellenic-American Community of Rochester. It is our hope they will strive to emulate both our pioneering founders and the leadership which followed to surpass the achievements recorded within these pages.*

*We proudly present this pictorial history and commentary.*



## OUR HISTORY



The Sanctuary—77 Howell Street

**F**rom first-hand sources available to us, we learn that the first two to arrive here in 1893 were George Lamprakes and James Zutes who abandoned plying their trade of itinerant vendors on the streets of New York and Baltimore respectively and migrated here in the hope of improving their lot. The 1890 census registers no more than 3,000 Greeks in the United States. Their lot was a difficult one as immigrants from the Mediterranean area were not welcomed with open arms, notwithstanding the valuable contributions they made.

An account by James Mercury in 1925 records that James Zutes, cousin of Chris and Gus Zutes, started a fruit store at the

corner of East Main and Front Streets. Lamprakes came here with Nick Michas (who later returned to Greece) and the two opened the Olympia Candy Store at 10 East Main Street, which was later taken over by George Katsampes.

Chris and Gus Zutes arrived in 1896 and went into the fruit business on East Main Street, at one time operating two stores. In 1899 Epaminondas (Peter) Rousos arrived and opened a shoe-shine parlor (it is still there) in the Powers Building. When that prospered, he started a second enterprise, a food importing firm at 42 Front Street with Mr. Harry Maggioros, known as Maggioros and Rousos.



Officers of Board of Trustees—January, 1926—Left to right: John Jempelis, Trustee; John D. Mickles, President; George Katsampes, Treasurer; John Licousis, Vice-President; Gus Zutes, Trustee, John Alberts, Secretary, B. A. Speedy, Trustee.



Mr. and Mrs. Panagiotis Varlan and son Nicholas,  
Past President of the Rochester Community  
Photo Circa 1920



Demetrios Nicolakakis—Elected first President of  
the Rochester Community in 1917



The John D. Mickles Family—1924 One of the Greek Community's First Families



The Christ Zutes Family—1940 One of the Greek Community's First Families

There were undoubtedly others who came before 1900 but we have no record of their arrival. After the turn of the century came Christ and James Vlahos in 1900, Michael Mirras and Peter and George Katsampes in 1904, Demetrios A. Livadas in 1906, Nick Paris, Peter Varlan and Gligor Christo in 1908, B. Anton Speedy in 1909, Costas Petsos and John D. Mickles in 1910, Vaesil Anastas in 1911. Other names on the pre-World War I roster include: Peter Pappademetriou, Spiro and Theodore Rousos, Augustes Gallinos, Gus and Aristedes Logothetis, Demetrios Nicolakakis, John Lecousis, Andrew Carafos, Christ Evangelides, Peter Roussos, George Poulos, Gus Dritsa, Nicholas Skarlatos, Gus Venieris, Peter Pappas, Sotirios Sterios, Argyries Patterson, George Mirras and Sotirios Stephanides. There were several others, young, single men who were employed in hotels and shoe factories and of whose names we have no record.

Diligent and eager to get ahead, Rochester's first businessmen of Greek descent were an aggressive lot. They set the economic climate of the Greek community. Never hesitant to lend a helping hand, their financial and moral assistance enabled many who followed to get a start.

Pioneer Greeks like Gus and Chris Zutes, anxious to succeed, men like Epaminondas (Peter) Rousos, whose wisdom and industry became legend, and like John D. Mickles,

*whose zeal and interest in everything Greek sparked everyone around him, were the prototypes whom later arrivals emulated. But they were not alone in setting an example and clearing the path. Many others stand as shining lights who illuminated the pathway for those who were to come later.*

For about a decade the social and communal aspects were subordinated to the economic, for there were no families until the arrival of Mrs. Peter (Constance) Katsampes in 1904, who gave birth a year later to Rochester's first baby of Greek descent, a son, Nicholas. Two years later Mrs. Michael Mirras and Mrs. James Zutes joined the community. In 1909 Epaminondas Rousos sojourned to Boston and brought back a bride, Miss Massigga Calliontzes. By 1912 others began pouring into the community and the names Gerakos, Kakkas, Afentakis, Ramphos, Vangellow, and many others entered the community lexicon.

*Not only were those first families closely knit by national ties but by their everyday experiences. It is interesting to note that they resided within a small radius of one another in an area of well-trimmed lawns and tree-lined streets in what was then known as Rochester's Ruffled Shirt Ward — the Third Ward. On Adams Street, then a quiet, lovely middle-class neighborhood, resided, for example, the Lagariases, the*



First Community Picnic—Glen Haven, 1922

Mickles, the two Zutes families, the Rousos, and the Varlans, while on nearby Ford Street lived the Katsampes and the Mirras. They formed the nucleus of a Greek neighborhood.

With the appearance of families arose a need for a church. This became the concern of the first organization the Greeks formed around 1910, the Ethnike-Aroge. It was from this society that the Greek church emerged.

*The very first Greek Orthodox services, oldtimers recall, were held in a room on East Main Street over what was once Daw's Drug Store (near Reynolds Arcade) in what was otherwise a kaffenion (coffee house) when not a house of worship. Once a month Father Papanicolaou came from Buffalo to conduct services.*

In 1912 the "church" moved to a third-floor hall at 44 State Street, and after a while the Buffalo Priest was supplanted by a local man, Father

Papanekas from Mitelene. Later the congregation worshipped in a hall on North Clinton Avenue (around the corner from Main Street East) and this is where, in 1918, Peter Nicolakakes and Fofu Mauromoustaki were married. Still another site over the old Cook's Opera House on South Avenue served briefly as a place of prayer before the community could boast of a real church on Howell Street.

Several priests visited the community. Of those early fathers John D. Mickles has written touchingly and amusingly in his memoirs. "Some of them became martyrs — I mean the ones that were educated (and there were a few). They deserve plenty of credit because they had to put up with us, but the majority of them were terrible!"

*Around 1912-13 (the exact date cannot be determined) a general meeting was held at 44 State Street. Its purpose was to discuss the acquisition of a church. Many spoke in favor of purchasing a church, among them*



First "Horoesperida" After Lent Annunciation Community—1922





Mr. Mickles. He has recorded that scarcely had he finished speaking when Sotirios (Sam) Lagarias approached him and handed him a check for \$400! It was a munificent sum for those years when salaries ranged for immigrant Greeks around \$5 per week. This contribution marked the first to be made toward a Greek Orthodox church here.

Eager to set about purchasing a house of worship the group formed a committee, headed by Demetrios Nicolakakis, to raise money. On it were: Epaminondas (Peter) Rousos, Michael Mirras, Peter Varlan, Nick Paris, Augustes Gallenes, George Katsampes and Gus and Christ Zutes.

A concerted drive got under way with Gus Zutes (he was the only one who owned a car) driving committee members around. They collected \$5,000. This represented the down payment on an edifice at 77 Howell St., the former church of the First Church of Christ Disciples, which had stood unoccupied for years.

But before the church could be used, it needed remodelling and adornment. Fortunately, in 1915 three enterprising women of the community, Mrs. Calliope Zutes, Mrs. Massigga Rousos, and Mrs. Evmorfia Joglus organized the other women of the community into a club known as the Patris, which later became the Philoptochos. Being wise and good friends who wished to avoid dissension they decided against having officers. (Later Mrs. Spiro Rousos became its first president.) Without fanfare, the Patris undertook the interior decoration of the church. Without knowing how to speak

English fluently, they were able to raise enough money for an altar, ikonostaseon, benches and brass candle holders, as well as desks for the Greek School.

The church was purchased in 1919 but it was not used officially until the second Sunday in November of 1920. Officiating as priest was Father Nicholas Hajivasilliou. Even a Greek School teacher was hired — John Liapes, a young man from Boston.



"Patris"—Parent Organization of Philoptochos Society—January 25, 1926.  
Left to right: Mrs. John D. Mickles, President; Mrs. Nicholas Paris (nee Phillipa Katsampes), Secretary; Mrs. George Zandakis, Treasurer; Mrs. George Katsampes, Mrs. Gus Zutes, Committee

*The church was incorporated on July 9, 1917 and the articles of incorporation were signed by Michael Mirras, Gus Zutes and Peter N. Varlan.*

It is important to stress that credit for organizing the Greek community and purchasing a church belongs to no individual. It was the concerted effort of all 85 members which enabled the church to prosper. The generosity of individual members helped and the church was beautified by many donations like that of Sotirios Sterios, for instance, who gave the proskenetaron which has been in use for many years.

*What life was like in those early years can be seen by reading an account of a social function given under the auspices of the Ethnike Aroge in 1931. Because of the war in Greece in 1912 there was much popular sentiment in support of the homeland. A certain Mr. Matsoukas came to Rochester to raise money for the purchase of a Pyrobolarchion (cannon) for the Greek Army. Renowned as a dramatic orator and poet, he arrived at 44 State Street, where the entire community had gathered to hear him. He was elegantly dressed, wearing a high silk hat and a chestful of medals. His speech so stirred his hearers, his poems so enthused them, that many in the audience began to weep. The secretary, John Mickles, could hardly write down the names of the donors, they came so thick and fast. Led by Chris Zutes, George Katsampes and Epaminondas Rousos, the crowd gave generously. Some even took off their gold watches and gave them. In one hour, \$3,000 was collected.*

*The curious might like to hear an excerpt from Mr. Matsoukas' speech which has been recorded for posterity by Mr. Mickles. Cried the speaker: "Mothers, raise your children on the milk of the spirit so they'll become Greeks!"*

With the zeal to transplant to a new land the traditions and customs of Hellas which the newcomers had, it is scarcely surprising that they succeeded and in the effort prospered as well.

Luckily, the community never split into political factions with one supporting King Constantine and the other Venizelos. While other parishes built factional churches, the local church was one of the few in the United States not rent by disagreement.

Prosper the community did. By 1930 it had remodelled a basement in the church

into a community hall and it was there that the community gave its first banquet in honor of Herbert Lansdale, Jr., executive secretary of the YMCA, in Salonica, Greece.

How lively and active a community it was in those years can best be seen by noting that almost immediately upon moving into a church of its own, the community set up special projects. In 1923, for example, on Christmas Day (January 1 by the Julian calendar) the congregation donated hundreds of dollars and large quantities of clothing for Near East Relief. That New Year's Day the church packed in over 500 people for its special Vasilopeta celebration.

While most social activities in those days were under church auspices, a secular social movement soon got under way. On May 25, 1925, noting that of about seven hundred persons of Grecian birth in the city only about 300 were citizens, a Greek-American Club of Monroe County was organized, headed by Spiro Rousos. A resolution stated its aims: "The forming into one organization of all the people in Monroe County who are Greeks and at the same time American citizens to preserve our association and to assist our fellow citizens who are not citizens is the prime purpose of this association."



Reverend Jovianos Lavrakas, Pastor Greek Orthodox Church, 77 Howell Street—1926



Leaders of the Greek-Americans in Rochester Greeting The Mayor. From left: Spiro Rousos, President of the Greek-American Club of Rochester; Rev. Jovianos Lavrakas, Pastor of the Greek Church in Howell Street; Katherine Rousos presenting bouquet to Mayor Van Zandt. 1925

*The highlight of that early period was, of course, the dedication of the Howell Street Church, known as the Evangelismos. It took place on April 11, 1926. In a beautiful and moving ceremony conducted by Archbishop Alexander, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in the United States and Canada, who made his first visit to the city, the church was consecrated. The Archbishop was attended by His Holiness Gennadios, Metropolitan of Thessalonica. The Rev. Govianos Lavrakas, beloved rector of the parish, took a prominent part in the rites, assisted by a priest from Toronto and several other clergymen.*

*The community invited many local dignitaries to grace the occasion. But its most distinguished guests were Commodore Constantinos Melas, retired, of the Greek Navy, and former ambassador from Greece to Switzerland; Ulius L. Amos, national secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Greece, and Col. George Kontekakis, officially representing the Greek Army.*

*Visitors poured in from Syracuse, Buffalo and other towns. The Buffalo choir participated. The Rev. Lavrakas had trained the boys and girls in the parish to sing in a chorus that formed an antiphonal choir in the balcony and the effect of all those voices enhanced the solemn beauty of the occasion. There were flowers on the altar and elsewhere throughout the church.*

In the evening, the community gave a dinner at the Powers Hotel in honor of the Archbishop who expressed himself as highly gratified at the progress of the church in Rochester, which at that time had 300 members.

Easter was celebrated in 1928 in such a fashion that it drew this comment from the local press. "This is the first time that the Greeks of this city have celebrated the sacred festival with the identical ceremony of their homeland." The Patris decorated the Epitaphion which was borne outside by four officers of the AHEPA. The Rev. George Nicolaides conducted the service.

Shortly thereafter, in the summer of 1928, Archbishop Alexander paid a second visit to the community. He occupied for the first time the Bishop's Throne given by James Vonglis in memory of his wife, Anna. He elevated the Rev. George Nicolaides, then a priest to the rank of Economos. But there was a special reason for his July 1st visit. He bade farewell to this parish which would henceforth be out of his jurisdiction. Rochester was to pass into the care of Bishop Ioakim of Boston. Alexander had three Bishops under his jurisdiction, one in Boston, one in Chicago, and another in San Francisco. As the Bishop of Boston had scarcely enough Greek Orthodox parishes in his area he was given the area which included Rochester.

*As an indication of the spirit of the community it should be historically noted that the Archbishop was met at the New York Central Railroad station by members of the Flower City Chapter, Order of AHEPA, led by Peter Collis; a delegation from the church was led by the president, John Mickles; members of the Patris, led by Mrs. George Katsampes, and the Greek-American Club, led by Spiro Rousos. At the church service forty young women gowned in white sang in the choir, assisted by a children's choir. The Ahepans were in evening dress and white gloves, wearing the full regalia of their order. It was a colorful ceremony.*

*No account of the Greek church would be complete without some mention of Greek School. In the Howell Street era pupils met in a long, rectangular room behind the church, and adjoining it. A narrow passage way led from Howell Street to the school entrance. Here, between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. five days a week, the little scholars struggled with Greek grammar, syntax and literature. Most pupils remember best Father Lavrakas, by far the most dedicated of their instructors. Among the others were the priests who succeeded him, and much later, James Venetus, Miss Zoe Glava and Miss Dorothy Rousos.*

*What a typical Greek School "exetasis" was like can be recalled in an account of one held July 15, 1928 when sixty youngsters, scrubbed and dressed in their Sunday best, were quizzed before parents and friends by the principal of the school, the Rev. Nicolaides. He conducted an examination in the Bible and then turned the students over to their secular instructor, James Venetus. The youngsters, voices shrill and trembling, read, recited long poems, sang, and went through long dialogues in Greek. To graduate from Greek School took five years. The instruction was thorough and the discipline severe. But pupils attended without protest and parents made no allowances for whims nor did they allow other interests to precede Greek school.*

*Besides attendance at Greek School, the boys and girls of those days also participated in a children's choir. Christopher Gacovides was one of their directors.*

*While enthusiastic in their endeavors to maintain their culture and traditions, the Greek community never isolated itself from the larger American community. When on March 26, 1931, for example, the 110th anniversary of Greek Independence Day was*

*celebrated the occasion was shared with others in the city. So festive was that celebration that it led members of the daily press to recall that Rochester, even while only a village in 1823, had always been sympathetic to the Greek cause. Under the leadership of Col. Nathaniel Rochester villagers had raised \$1,500 in aid. When Gates split into two parts the new area was christened Greece in honor of the Hellenes. Scio Street perpetuates the name of the Island of Scios, the scene of the massacre of 25,000 Greeks in 1822. In fact, in those early days the two owners of a corner parcel at Scio and East Main Street sold it for \$200 and donated the proceeds to Greek relief.*

*Music for the occasion was supplied by the young people's choir of forty which prepared an impressive musical program for the occasion under the direction of Athan P. Theodorides. In the evening the AHEPA, of which George Rockas was then president, gave an elaborate dinner. The Patris participated. So did the Macedonian Society which has costumed the children in scarfs of blue and white for the commemoration. The committee which arranged the celebration included B. A. Speedy, John Mickles, Athan Theodorides, Nick Skarlatos, Costa Petsos, Chris Marousis, Spiro Rousos, D. Stamiris and Thomas Pianopoulos.*



Reverend John N. Gerotheou, Pastor 1930 - 1934





First officers of Flower City Chapter No. 67, AHEPA .Instituted May 30, 1925.

Left to right: T. Christie, Secretary, Peter C. Pappas, Vice President, Peter G. Collis, President, A. Collatos, Treasurer. 2nd Row: John Lamprakes, Governor, Gus Panos, Warden, V. I. Chembides, Supreme President, B. A. Speedy, Chaplain, Nick Cakolires, Governor, Gus Carioty, Governor.



Charter Members Sons of Pericles—Genesee Chapter #77 December 28, 1932

Left to right: Charles G. Zutes, Secretary, Dean Zutes, President, Patsy C. Petsos, Vice President, Emmanuel Joglus, Treasurer. 2nd Row: Gus Geogoules, Outer Guard, Nicholas P. Varlan, Assistant Secretary, Andrew Thomolaris, High Guard, Anthony S. Rousos, Marshall, George Pappas, Inner Guard, James J. Mickles, High Priest.



Officers of the Board of Trustees, 1931—Left to right: John D. Mickles, President, Costa Petsos, Athan Theodorides, B. A. Speedy, Spiro Rousos, Chris G. Marousis, Dionysios Stamiris, Rev. John N. Gerotheou



First Sunday School Class—1926. Rev. Jovianos Lavrakas



Nicholas J. Paris



John D. Mickles



Gus Zutes



Gus Kutuzes

Past Presidents of the Rochester Community



Board of Trustees, 1934—Left to right: Nicholas Kassianos; Reverend Peter Christakos; Epaminondas Rousos, President; Second row: Costa Petsos, Thomas Varlan, Gligor Christo, Gus Kutuzes.



The Greek Contribution to Rochester's Centennial "Century on Parade" 1834 - 1934



Greek School Class on Greek Independence Day in 1931—Reverend John N. Gerotheou



The Epaminondas Rousos Family, 1934—One of the Greek Community's First Families



Charter Members Odysseus Chapter #44, Daughters of Penelope, 1936—Dorothy Rousos Livadas, President

Two years later, on March 19, 1933, many more worshipers than the church was designed to accommodate crowded into it to greet the Most Reverend Athenagoras, D.D., Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America. It was his first official visit to the city. So impressed was Augusta A. Anderson, a member of the local press, that she wrote a long account of his visit and extolled the beauty of the Greek church. "The chancel," she wrote, "is richly adorned with a succession of panels bearing religious paintings. A floral cross, illuminated with candles, has been provided for the occasion." She marvelled over the Greek art and at the elaborateness of the church ceremony.

The Rev. John Gerotheou, assisted the Archbishop and his Deacon, a former Rochester priest, the Rev. George Nicolaides. The vested choir, for four years under the expert direction of Athan Theodorides, supplied the music.

Vangel Pappas and George Economides lent a dramatic touch to the Archbishop's visit for he was moved to tears to see his former pupils. Chris Evangelides, who owed his arrival in this country to a signature by the Archbishop, also warmly welcomed the distinguished visitor.

Upon the departure of Athan Theodorides the church choir came under the direction of Constantine (Deno) Rousos, the first local choirmaster. Under his tutelage,



1939 Basketball Team—Sons of Pericles. Left to right: Thomas Vangellow, Chris Christo, Spiro Peters, Nick Sfikas, Theodore Vangellow, George Sfikas, Terry Terezi, Peter Jeffries



Rochester's choir reached a high stage of musical accomplishment. Parishoners recall yet the inspiring effect the singing had upon them as the community's little boys and girls, now grown to young manhood and womanhood, raised their voices in familiar and beloved hymns.

*The Howell Street era is perhaps best remembered as the time when the Greek community set down roots in Rochester. Closely-knit, the community was the envy of many another parish. Even during the Depression when money was sometimes hard to raise the church survived. Those intimately acquainted with the financial crises which often beset it recall that when there was not money enough to pay the priest and other expenses a small but loyal group dug down into their own pockets and footed the bills.*

The church survived economic crises only to be destroyed on May 10, 1937 by a mystery blaze which raged for two hours and halted all traffic on Monroe Avenue. The beautifully-appointed structure, painstakingly decorated by its loyal parishoners, was left a charred hulk. A mass of flames shot from several places in the roof and into the bell tower. Damage was estimated at \$30,000.

But the American religious community was generous and the parish did not have to abandon worship for Christ Episcopal



Mrs. Olga Constantinou, Greek School Teacher, 1937 - 1941

Church on East Avenue generously offered to share its quarters. Meanwhile, Gus Kutuzes, board president, and his committee, began a hunt for a building big enough to seat 400 persons and with an assembly hall. The search went on for several months and it was not until late in the winter of 1937 that the community found another church—at 110 South Fitzhugh Street. It was the old Chapin mansion and while it was not exactly what the trustees had sought it had

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AHEPANS and EVZONES on PARADE. Memorial Day, 1940.

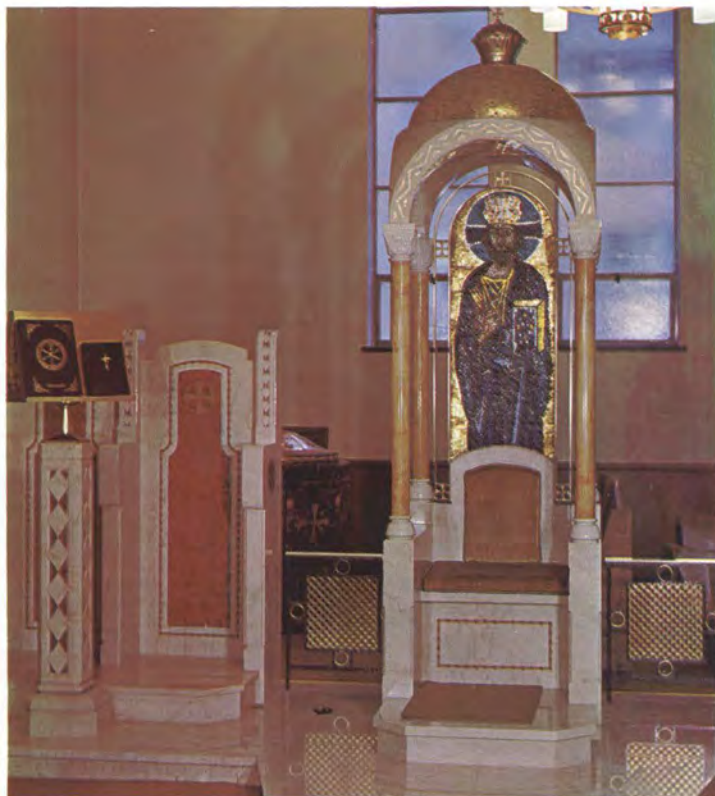


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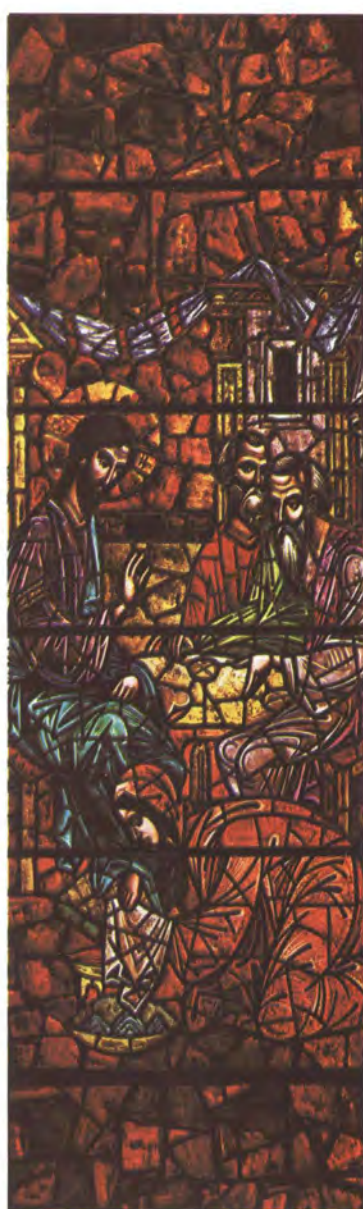
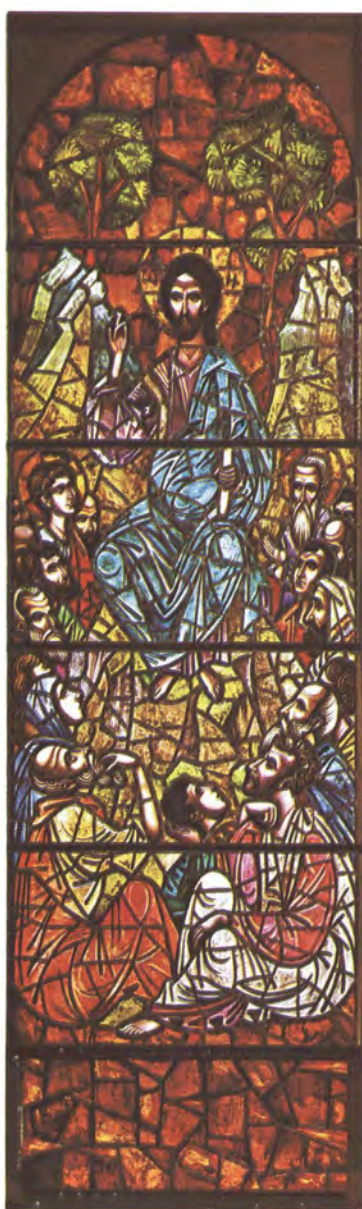
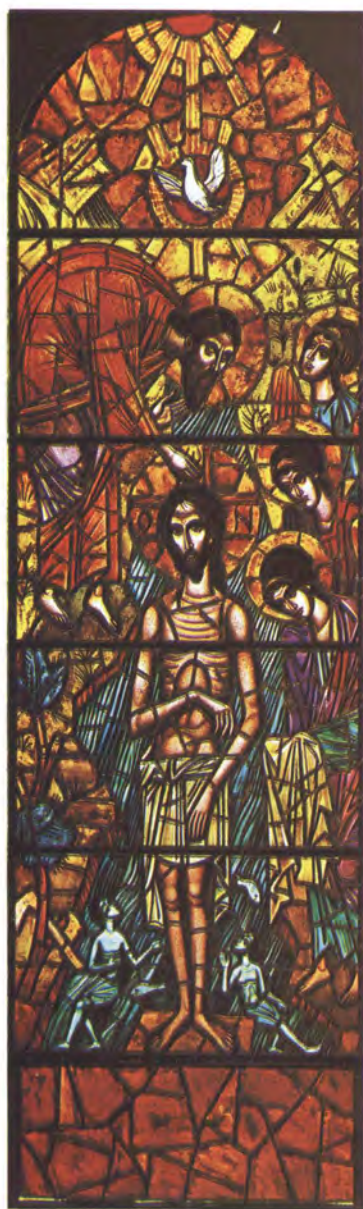




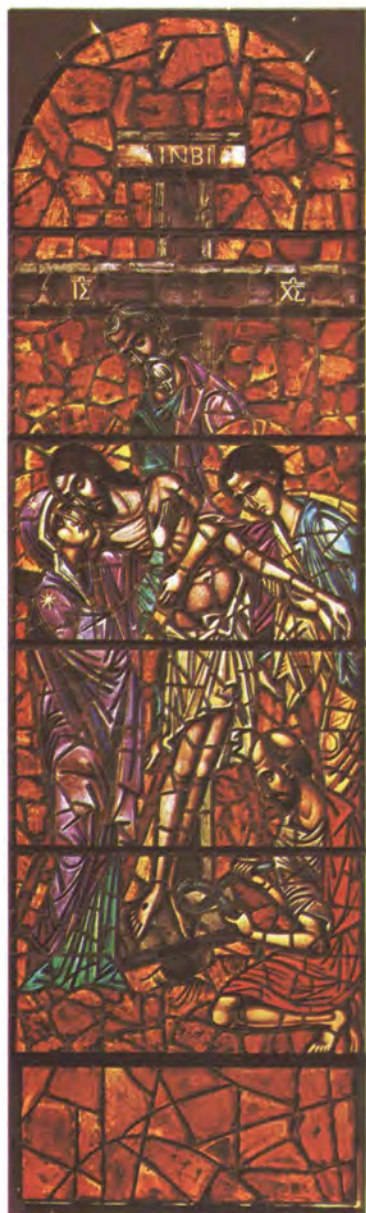




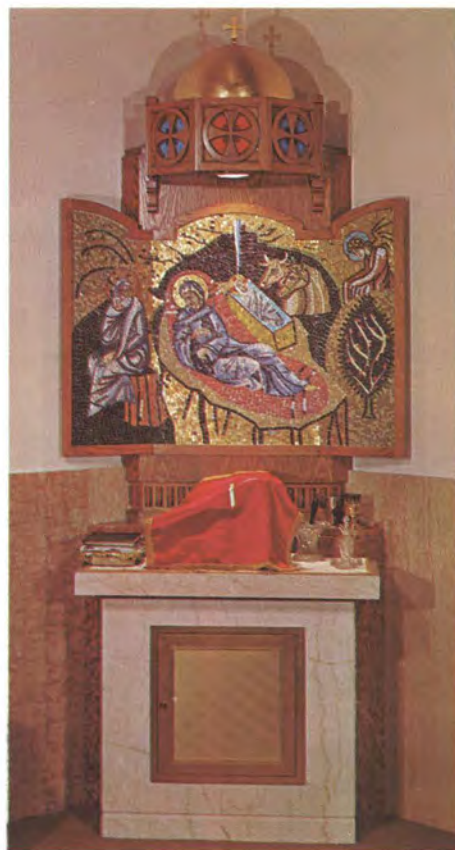
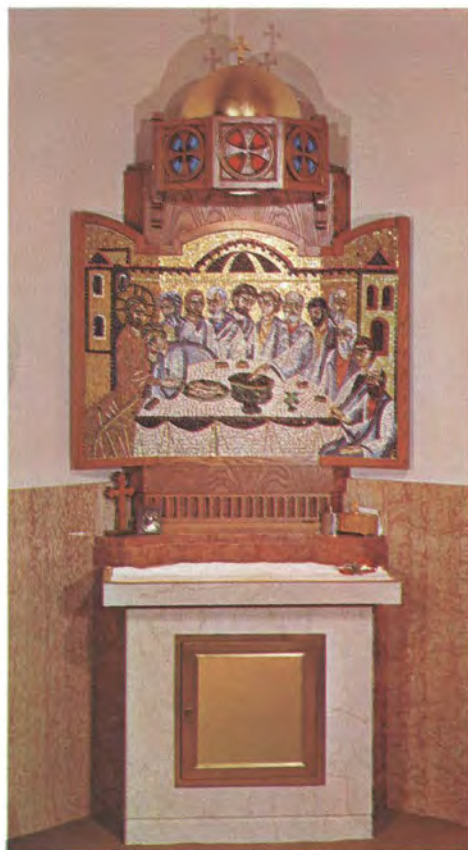














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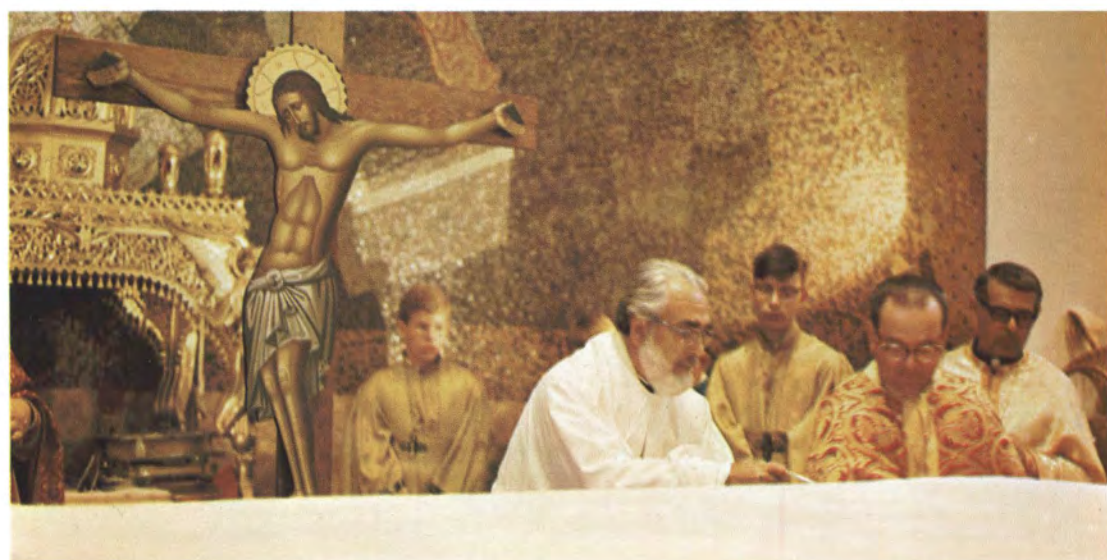
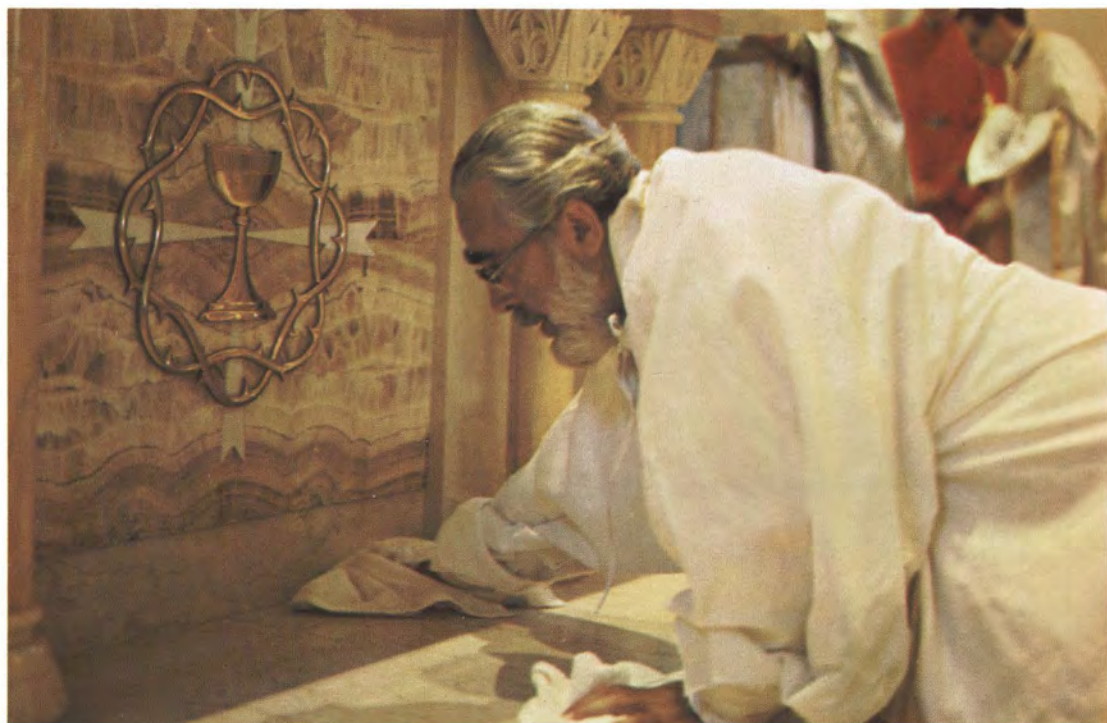




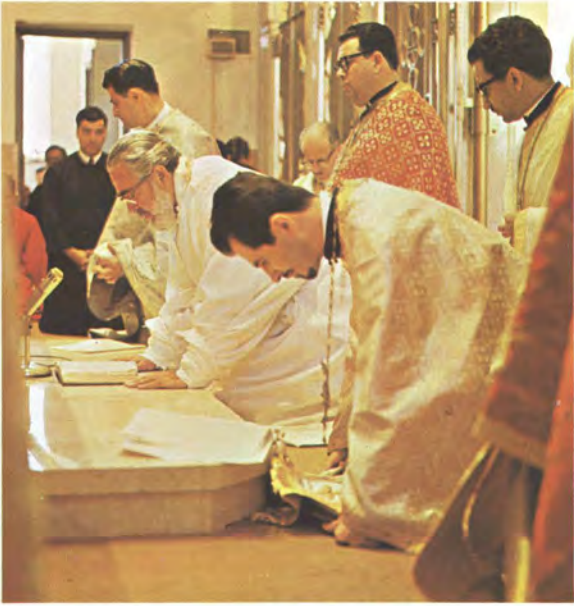
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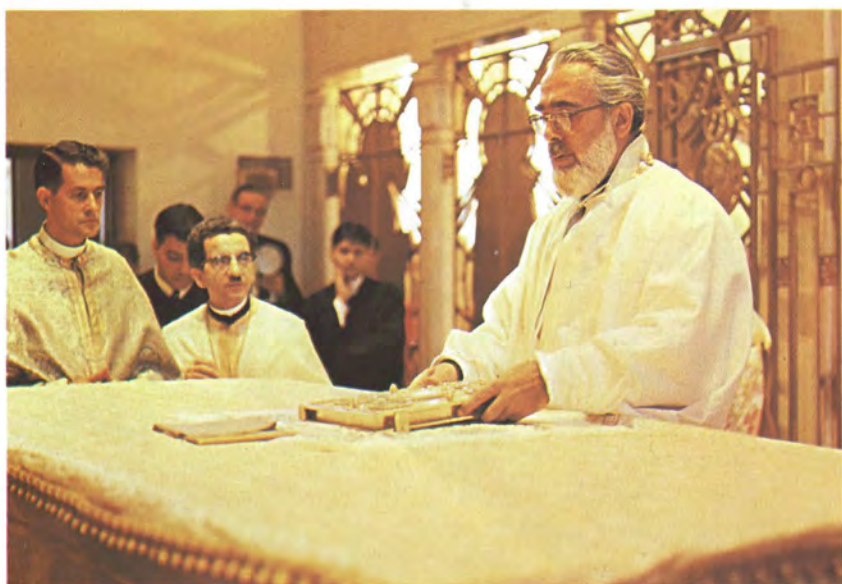










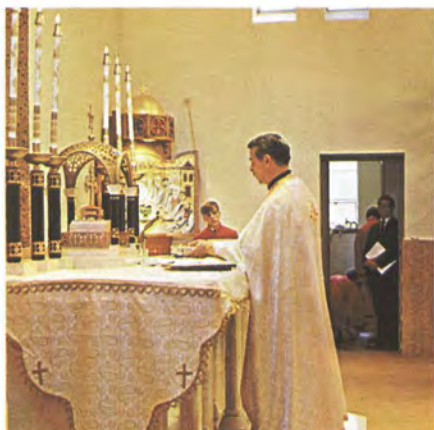








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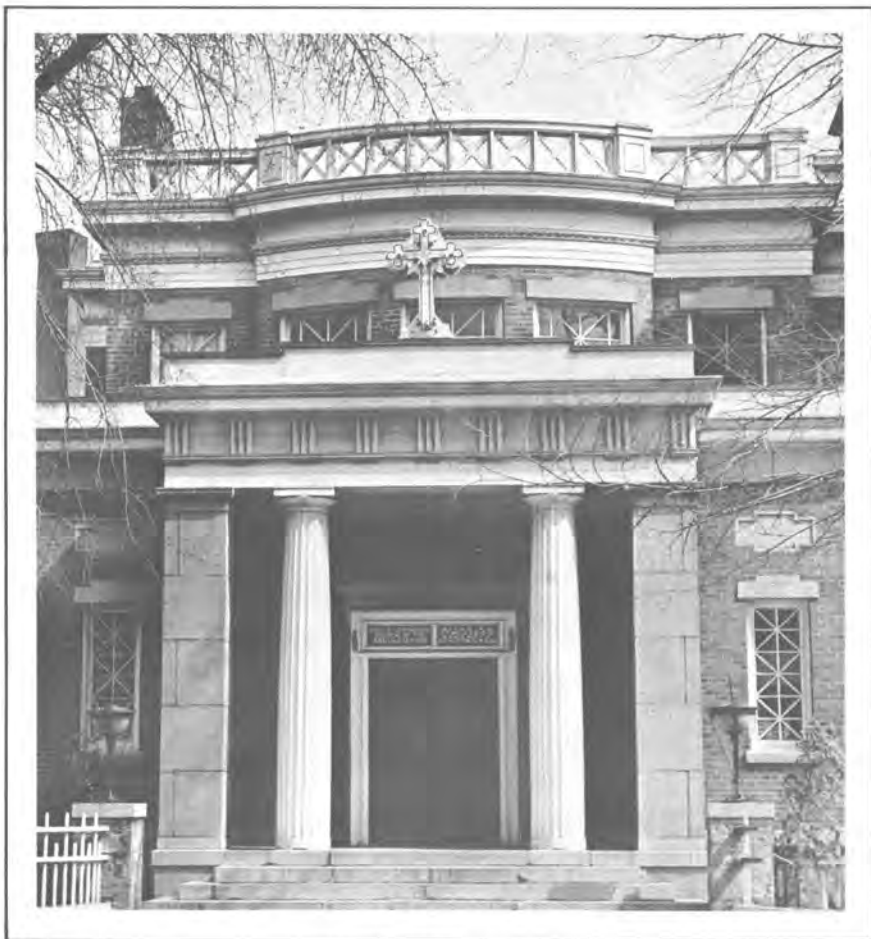






*With the dedication of the Church grounds and the laying of the cornerstone, we bequeathed these magnificent buildings to the use of our people. When the Church edifice was consecrated with ancient ritual, the Holy Spirit entered the House of God to inspire us all to follow in the footsteps of His Son. So let it be, forever.*





"110 South Fitzhugh"

a great many possibilities as a church and community home and was an undertaking the community could afford.

Although the sale of the Chapin home could not become final until the probate of the will of Mrs. Elizabeth Lyon Chapin, who died October 9, 1937, and since the parish was desperate for a place to worship, arrangements were made to hold services there early in March, 1938.

The Fitzhugh Street home had been the rendezvous of society during the period when the 3rd Ward was the residence of Rochester's elite. It consisted of a 177-foot front on Fitzhugh Street, extending back to Pine Alley. The house was of red brick, white trimmed, three stories high, and surrounded by an ancient wood picket fence. Originally built in 1834 by Edmund Lyon, a pioneer miller and woolens broker, it contained more than twenty rooms and had been remodelled several times. It was post-Colonial Greek Revival architecture. A local landmark, its mansard roof and

dormer as well as pillared entrances had been constructed at the turn of the century.

The property had been assessed at \$70,200. Its purchase price represented only a fraction of the more than \$100,000 expended on it by the Chapins. After some delay in probating the will Milo I. Tomanovich, attorney for the church, closed the deal for \$18,000 on February 2, 1939.



Reverend John A. Danaskos with Charles Nick and Helen Economidis Lazary—1940



Nick Paris and Eitsa Petsos buy war bonds from Scotch lass for Greek Community. April 8, 1943.



\$5,000 raised to pay off church mortgage at "110." Left: Georgia Caccamise, James Matheos and Anne Taylor. March 27, 1940.



Philoptochos Society Board—June 23, 1939—Left to right: Mrs. Soteria Pappas, Mrs. Zoe Stefanides, Mrs. Lambrini Geogoules, Mrs. Helen Logothetis, Mrs. Arete Aphentakis, Mrs. Kleanthy Lazary, Mrs. Helen Thomolaris. Seated: Mrs. Sophia Vangelidis.



The Annunciation Little Theater—1941. Mrs. Olga Constantinou, Teacher and Director. Andy Mickles, The Hero with his leading ladies.



The Maids of Athena, Phoebe Chapter #20. A thriving organization in 1947. Mrs. Sophie Litto (second from left in 1st row) was District Governor of the Empire District.



Odysseus Chapter #44, Daughters of Penelope—1946. Mary Livadas, President and Evelyn Mickles, District Governor of Empire District





Philoptochos Society Board—1943. Left to right: Mrs. Mary Marinakis, Mrs. Zoe Stefanides, Mrs. Chris Kakkas, Mrs. Kleanthy Lazary, Mrs. Peter Carroussos, Mrs. Gikas Critikos, Mrs. Costa Petsos, 2nd Row: Mrs. Marigo Roussos, Mrs. Helen Thomolaris, Mrs. Penelope George, Mrs. George Nichols, Mrs. Nick Sardis, Mrs. James Vangellow.



A happy looking lot—The Annunciation Sunday School—1948. Reverend George P. Gallos.



Philoptochos Society Board—1948. Left to right: Mrs. Gus Merageas, Mrs. Demetra Pappademetriou, Father Gallos, Mrs. George Economides, Mrs. George Thomas. 2nd Row: Mrs. Costa Petsos, Mrs. George Nichols, Mrs. Nicholas Katsampes, Mrs. Helen Roumpapas, Mrs. Peter Pappas, Mrs. Helen Thomolaris.



Father George and Anna Gallos' arrival at "110 South Fitzhugh", 1947.

A pipe organ costing \$65,000 (and not included in the sale) was removed from the music room which seated 200 people and where the Greek church held services pending construction of a church proper. This church was created by remodelling the ballroom of the Chapin home and adding to the front and back of it. Costs approximated \$25,000.

The lot at 77 Howell Street was purchased by Henry W. Lehmkuhl, a chemist, after the charred shell of the former church had been demolished, for \$4,000 cash on September 10, 1938. (The church treasury showed a balance of \$7,274. Money was needed to remodel and build on the new site.) Late in 1938, therefore, a committee headed by Gus Kutuzes met to plan a \$50,000 drive. Tom Varlan was vice-president; George Rockas, secretary; Gus Critikos, James Matheos, Samuel Gerakos and Nicholas Kassianos, trustees.

*With their usual generosity the Greeks in Rochester supported the drive and soon an imposing new church had been built. Before long, however, the community discovered that even the new church was becoming overcrowded as overflow crowds spilled over into the former music room*



Father George P. Gallos  
His last Sunday at "110"—1954.



Reverend Peter C. Remoundos, Pastor Greek Orthodox Church—1954 - 1967

*where they heard, but did not see the service being performed.*

In the spring of 1940 Leo Walters headed a drive to raise \$5,000. More than 3,000 tickets were sold for a fund-raising dance at the Turn Verein on North Clinton Avenue.

It was an important day for the church on August 23, 1943 when Gov. Thomas E. Dewey spoke at a banquet climaxing a three-day celebration of incorporation of the Federation of Orthodox Greek Catholic Churches Primary Jurisdiction in North America. For the first time Eastern Orthodox churches celebrated the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom together. Greek, Syrian, Russian, Serbian, Carpathian, Russian and Ukranian Orthodox Christians were united. The Rev. John Danaskos was pastor.

The smooth tenor of Rochester's religious life was disrupted in the summer of 1947 when the community found itself with a church but no pastor. The Rev. Danaskos flew to Greece for a three-month visit and it was learned he would not return. Efforts to replace him proved futile as there was a national shortage of Greek Orthodox Priests. It was estimated there were 42 parishes without Priests. Nicholas Varlan, board president, arranged to have a Priest from Syracuse perform marriages and baptisms.



Board of Trustees—1954 Reverend Peter C. Remoundos, Andrew J. Mickles, President





Surveying the new found land. Our next move: From "110" to East Avenue!

It was Rochester's good fortune to learn late in September of 1947 that the Rev. George P. Gallos would assume the pastorate. It was explained that Father Gallos was being sent here to further the Archdiocese's policy of placing qualified young clergymen, born in the United States, in churches in the nation's larger cities. Father Gallos had served for five years as pastor at New Britain, Connecticut. He soon won the hearts of his parishoners, and the church began an era of progress marked by the adoption of orderliness as a requisite in church devotions.

Growing dissatisfaction with the inadequate facilities on Fitzhugh Street prompted another drive late in 1948 to raise money for a larger church. Andrew J. Mickles and Chris Vangellow co-chaired the drive.

Despite the desire to relocate, the congregation was still attending services on Fitzhugh Street three years later. It was during this time that Frank Desby, choir-master of Los Angeles' multi-million dollar St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Cathedral, a leading authority on Byzantine music, came to teach Byzantine history and chant at a week-long course in the summer choir school, organized by Mrs. Anna Gallos, our choir director, in August, 1951.

Rochester lost Father Gallos when he announced on September 18, 1954 that he

was leaving to serve as pastor in Baltimore, Maryland. The Rev. Peter Remoundos of the Church of St. George in Albuquerque, New Mexico arrived on October 3 to replace him. He had been a Greek honor student selected seven years previously to study in the United States. Like his predecessor, he was forward-looking and worked diligently to meet the challenge of a modern age.

Change was the keynote during his term. Shortly after his arrival the state took 3,075 square feet of the church yard in installing a section of the new Inner Loop at the Troup-Howell bridge. This was the beginning of extended negotiations which ended in condemnation proceedings as the state and the county acquired the church parcel. It was on November 25, 1958 that the decision was arrived at in the New York State Court of Claims to award \$75,538 to the church. Together with costs and interest this approximated \$108,000. This was in addition to \$25,000 previously paid by the state.

While these negotiations were in process, the women, industrious as ever, were amassing money for a new church. Mrs. Demetra Pappas, Philoptochos president, gave Andrew Mickles, board president, a check for \$500 on November 13, 1954. On Christmas of the same year the Odysseus Chapter, Daughters of Penelope, through its



1955—Architect's Committee Building Fund Campaign. Left to right: Gikas Critikos; Basil Kambouris; Chairman Custer Rockas; Peter Varlan and James Rappas.



Charles Zutes, Building Fund Campaign General Chairman—1955.



Andrew J. Mickles, President, Board of Trustees, 1955 Building Campaign.

president, Miss Evelyn J. Mickles, donated the proceeds of a bazaar at Doud Post amounting to \$1,110.46.

*It was a red letter day for Rochester's Greek community when, on January 14, 1955, the church purchased a city-owned lot at 948 East Avenue for \$9,378. Located on the north side of East Avenue between the Eastman House and the new Asbury First Methodist Church, it had 100 feet of frontage on the Avenue and was 550 feet deep. A few months later, on April 11, the church bought a two-acre parcel adjoining this lot from Mrs. Mary L. G. Blanchard. Together, the lots extended the length of a block and gave a 200-foot frontage on East Avenue and a 100-foot frontage on University Avenue, with a width of 880 feet in one section and 550 in another. Faragher and Macomber were chosen as architects for the new church.*

But a new church, particularly one as splendid as planned, meant raising more money. Once again the community rolled up its sleeves and went to work. First there was a campaign to raise \$18,000 which was kicked off February 2, 1955 with Charles Zutes as chairman. A much more ambitious project was launched on May 27 with a goal of \$165,000, later augmented to \$200,000. The campaign organization had as chairman Charles Zutes, son of one of the pioneer Greeks. Working with him were B. Anton Speedy, Spiro Vangellow, Charles Bouras, Gikas Critikos, Christ G. Marousis, James



# CAMPAIGN CANDIDS

## MAY, 1955





Archbishop Michael, Primate of The Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America, on April 15, 1956 at the Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new sanctuary and community center. Left: Reverend Peter Remoundos and President Andrew Mickles



His Eminence Archbishop Michael with Andrew J. Mickles Leaving "110"—April 15, 1956



"And a little child shall lead them." The Annunciation Sunday School in 1955—Father Peter Remoundos.

Matheos and Father Peter C. Remoundos. There were three division chairmen: Dennis J. Livadas, Theodore Sotir and Gus Lazary. The special gifts committee headed by James Matheos included: Daniel G. Angelidis, Leo A. Balta, Charles Bouras, Gikas Critikos, Gus Kutuzes, Christ G. Marousis, James A. Mirras, Paul M. Mishia, Nick Nickson, Nicholas Paris, Steven D. Papapanu, Father Peter C. Remoundos, B. Anton Speedy and Spiro Vangellow.

Because it is important that if the community's achievements are to be recorded for posterity they be as complete and accurate as possible, it is a pleasure, not a chore, to record the names of those who served on this great enterprise.

Unfortunately, a complete roster of those who served in a similar capacity on the first

church drive was not available and had to be patched together from scattered information. Therefore, let no one consider it a bore if this account records the architect's committee, headed by Constantine Rockas, and composed of Gikas Critikos, Basil S. Kambouris, James Rappas, Father Remoundos and Peter P. Varlan.

Nor the hostess committee led by Mrs. Leo A. Balta and Mrs. Gikas Critikos as co-chairmen and comprised of Mesdames—Christ Broikou, Charles Critikos, George Economides, Simos Economides, E. J. Joglus, Nicholas Katsampes, Gus Kutuzes, Peter Lazary, Steve Nick, Nicholas Paris, George Rockas, Harry Stathe, Harry Stefanides, Nicholas A. Tahou, Chris Vangellow, Paul S. Vangellow, Theodore Vangellow, and the Misses Evelyn J. Mickles and Eitsa Petsos.



Community honors past-presidents of Philoptochos Society January 6, 1958 Left to right: His Grace, Bishop Polyeftkos Finfinis, Bishop of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Arete Aphentakis, Mrs. Kleanthy Lazary, Mrs. Mary Mickles, Father Peter Remoundos. Second Row: Mrs. Bertha Pappas, Mrs. Mary Nichols, Mrs. Demetra Pappas, Mrs. Sophia Vangel. Third Row: Mrs. Andromachi Economides, Mrs. Aspasia Balta, Mrs. Alexandra Peters, Mrs. Tasia Katsampes.



Final Services at "110"—August 4, 1957



That last day at "110". "Parishioners met on the sidewalk to chat."

Who was on the board of trustees at this critical time? Andrew J. Mickles was president. Council members: Stanley A. Carafos, Gikas Critikos, Dr. Chris P. Katsampes, Anthony T. Micros, George Nichols, Sr., Nick Nickson, Father Remoundos, Nick Sfikas, Harry Stathe, Chris Vangellow, and Paul S. Vangellow.

The church secretary was the able Mrs. Helen Pappas and the Greek school teacher the irreplaceable Simos Economides.

It had been planned to hold Easter Services in 1955 on the site of the new church, but rain prevented this. However, it did not dampen the spirits of the congregation which determined to work for a new and magnificent edifice. Ten days after the fund drive was kicked off on May 27 Charles Zutes reported that \$56,695 or 49% of the \$165,000 had been pledged. On June 21 ninety campaign workers dug into their own pockets to put the drive, whose goal had been raised to \$200,000, over the top. They had raised \$217,257. Andrew Mickles, who had promised to sacrifice his mustache if the drive went over, subjected himself to a foam of lather as Chairman Zutes shaved off the mustache. Honors went to Division 2 headed by Ted Sotir which turned in \$142,197 in pledges and to Team 34 headed by George Joglus which reported \$12,590.

*The same spirit which had stirred in the pioneers of the Ethniko-Aroge moved the sons of some of those first settlers and several ambitious later arrivals to again*





Philoptochos Board—1960. Left to right: Mrs. Thomas Peters, Mrs. Peter Loomis, Father Peter Remoundos, Mrs. Nick Sardis, Mrs. Clifford Taylor. Second Row: Mrs. Katina Macastar, Mrs. Vasiliki Peters, Mrs. Olympia Pasko, Mrs. Menelaos Ventouris, Mrs. Bertha Pappas, Mrs. Costa Apostolou, Mrs. Lazaros Hassos, Mrs. Sophia Evangelides, Mrs. Peter Vangellow.

*achieve a dream of a new church of the Orthodox faith in Rochester.*

The council on July 5, 1955 purchased a parsonage at 385 Newcastle Road for \$21,000 from Mrs. Anthony Raineri. Anthony T. Micros acted as attorney for the church.

On January 9, 1956 the members of the church voted unanimously a plan for construction of a new church and community building for half a million dollars. They also voted to negotiate a loan of from \$180,000 to \$200,000. Andrew Mickles reported that \$60,000 of \$194,472 pledged was in.

On a rainy day, on April 15, the ground-breaking ceremony for the new sanctuary

and community center was held with Archbishop Michael, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Churches of North and South America and president of the World Council of Churches, officiating. As a spadeful of soggy earth was turned over the Archbishop blessed the new church site. At a portable altar under a canopy pelted by a steady rain the Primate presided at an ancient ritual while Holy Water mingled with the rain. Assisting Archdeacon was Neophitos Spyroyanakis of New York City.

Later at a testimonial banquet at the Seneca Hotel the Archbishop spoke defending his colleague Archbishop Makarios III who had been banished from the island of Cyprus the previous month.



Sunday School Teachers with Father Peter Remoundos in 1962.



Philoptochos Society Board—1967 - 68. Clockwise: Mrs. George Nichols, Jr., Mrs. Peter Loomis, Mrs. Steve Papapanu, Mrs. Nick Nickson, Mrs. Phillie Paris, Father George Nicozisin, Mrs. Toufic Michael, President, Mrs. Stanley Carafos, Mrs. Andrew Mickles, Mrs. Chris Vangellow, Mrs. Gus Lazary, Mrs. Theodore Vangellow, Mrs. Ralph Lipa.

*Another of Rochester's "firsts" took place on November 12. A financial support plan unique in the Greek Orthodox Church was approved by the members of the church. It was a dollar-a-week plan to finance parish operations. The goal was 1,000 persons giving \$1 a week. Harry Stathe was chairman of the membership plan.*

Meanwhile, construction on the new church moved slowly. A jurisdictional dispute of the bricklayers slowed down completion. Iron workers and laborers were also involved. At the same time, pressure from the city and the county to vacate the Fitzhugh Street church by May 15 was making congregation members nervous. Charles H. Sells, Civic Center committee consultant, estimated that it would cost between \$15,000 and \$18,000 to put in temporary water and sewer lines if the church was not vacated in time. Finally, on April 4 council members decided not to comply with the city-county demand. "We're not a bunch of gypsies," said Andrew J. Mickles, board president. "We're sympathetic to the city and county but we have problems. We have weddings and baptisms scheduled until the end of June." *They won permission to stay until the end of July. This was a far cry from the valiant efforts of those early Greek settlers to establish an identity in the community. The Greeks had finally*

*arrived and were a force to be reckoned with and respected.*

Those who attended services in the old building on Fitzhugh Street for twenty years will not find it difficult to recall how the congregation felt on Aug. 4, 1957 when the last service was held there. *An unusually large crowd of over 500 jammed into the sanctuary to receive the sacraments there for the last time. Outwardly there seemed nothing significant in the scene just outside the church door at the close of the final service. Parishoners, some still eating antidoron, met on the sidewalk to chat. Parents rounded up their children. The church bells rang. An usher distributed "koliva" from a memorial for deceased members. The bell atop the Lyon-Chapin mansion tolled the passing of the last landmark in Rochester's Ruffled Shirt Ward—and the end of the Fitzhugh Street era for the Greek church.*

In a sentimental move plans were made to enshrine the bell which for 30 years had rung for services in Rochester's Greek community. It had hung in the belfry of the Howell Street Church, donated to the parish in 1927. Another sentimental gesture was offering the foundation stones and picket fencing to the Whittlesey House at 123 South Fitzhugh Street. Today that fence protects the structure which houses the Society for the Preservation of Landmarks in Western New York.



Board of Trustees—1968. Left to Right (1st Row): Michael Panarites, Secretary, Charles Criticos, Father George Nicozisin, Theodosios Palis, Vice-President, Stamos Makridis, Treasurer. (2nd Row): Dr. Peter Nicholas, Jack Cretikos, Carl Angeloff, Daniel Speedy, Nick Nickson. Missing: Nick Gerakos, Jordan Pappas, President and Peter Vangellow

It was, it seemed, a time of sentiment indeed for on February 2, 1958 the church celebrated its 40th anniversary in the new church auditorium at East Avenue and several past presidents as well as pastors were honored. Along with them were honored several members who had pioneered in the effort to establish a church. Among these were John Mickles, B. A. Speedy, Gus Kutuzes, Peter Collis, George Poulos, Nick Cassianos, Nick P. Varlan, Custer Rockas, Nick Paris and Gikas Critikos. The principal speaker was Andrew J. Mickles, president of the board, and son of one of the original founders. Father Remoundos shared the podium with him. Those who arranged the celebration were Nick Nickson and Chris Vangellow, aided by a large group of workers.

Obviously, many of the original founders of the church were not there for they had passed away but they were in the hearts and minds of many who participated in the observance.

Upon moving to the East Avenue site the congregation found itself on the Avenue of Churches with Asbury-Methodist, St. Paul's Episcopal, The Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word, Christ Episcopal Church and others as near neighbors.

One of the early events which took place was the visit by the Rt. Rev. Polyestkos Finfinis, Bishop of Pittsburgh, who conducted a vesper service on May 9, 1958.

Fund-raising was still going on. On May 22, 1958 a new drive got under way to

pay off as much of the outstanding debt of \$253,000 as possible. In ten days \$105,376 was collected.

*Since moving to East Avenue the congregation had been gathering in the Community Hall for services. But on October 19, 1958 they moved into the new church for the first time. It was unfinished, with the altar screen, and even the altar itself, lacking, but nobody could have been prouder that day than parishoners of the Greek Orthodox church. What did it matter that mosaics, stained glass windows and even some furniture were still missing? They were in their church at last and that was all that mattered.*

Visitors and parishoners admired the colors of the interior, Mediterranean blue and sienna brown, called Marian colors as they are traditionally associated with Mary, the mother of Jesus. A mosaic was planned in the alcove over the altar depicting Jesus rising from the tomb holding Adam and Eve by the hand. The altar itself was to be of marble.

In the parish hall the guests ate shishkebob and Greek dinners and inspected Greek needle work, arts and delicacies displayed for sale around the room.

The icon screen, icons, baptistry, altar table and Bishop's Throne had not yet been procured by late December, 1962, when the congregation met to discuss plans for completing the interior of the church and adding eight school rooms. Father Remoundos made it his project to work on interior decoration.



Meanwhile, inspiring events were occurring at the new church. Father Panteleimon, a 28-year-old monk who founded the Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, conducted a weekend retreat in April of 1964. Another visitor was the Rev. Theodore Nakyamas, headmaster of the Orthodox Mission School at Kampala, Uganda, who celebrated the Liturgy here in November, 1965.

The choir, a dedicated group of musicians, under the direction of Miss Mary Skarlatos participated a year later, during July, in a seven-state choir convention at the Sheraton Hotel. The little children's choir from Howell Street had been replaced and new faces now appeared above the colorful choir gowns, but the spirit of devotion had not changed.

The community learned the day after Christmas in 1966 that Father Remoundos had been appointed to Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Detroit, Michigan. He announced plans to leave in February following.

The community honored Father Remoundos at a farewell dinner held in the Community Hall March 9, 1967. At that time a chapel recently completed in the church basement, and containing the original icons and other items rescued from the church on Howell Street after the fire and from Fitzhugh Street, was dedicated to him.

While awaiting the arrival of a new pastor parishoners had the good fortune to secure the services of Father Stephen Upson, who had officiated in the Greek Orthodox church many times before, and whose assistance has been invaluable to the community.

A new era began on March 5, 1967 when the Rev. George Nicozisin arrived from his pastorate in San Jose, California to take the pulpit. Before going to California, Father Nicozisin had been pastor of a church in Waukegan, Illinois. Previously, he had served as assistant pastor at the Cathedral in San Francisco, and was a member of the Stanford-Santa Clara Ecumenical Colloquium. His arrival marked the third time the community had secured the services of a young, dedicated and forward-looking pastor.

This chronicle, incomplete as it is, has come to an end—for now. It remains for future historians to add to it in much more detail. It is hoped that in the future such

histories will not suffer the omissions this one does because of a lack of documentary sources.

*One cannot help but wonder what those earliest settlers who have passed beyond this life would say could they return some Sunday morning to gaze upon the congregation gathered in our magnificent edifice on East Avenue. Few faces, obviously, would be familiar to them for the membership is far different from the tiny congregation which met in 1910 in a coffee house. Let us hope they would realize that their labour had not been in vain, that their hope, their dream, of a thriving Greek community has materialized.*

*Though few in the present community knew them, these pioneers are an integral part of this community, its very heartbeat, for it is their spirit which moves their descendants, spiritual and otherwise, to cherish the Orthodox faith. Wisely, they recognized that the church and Orthodoxy are the hub of Hellenism.*

New arrivals have found a splendid church ready for them and owe those old timers a silent prayer of thanks. Those who knew them owe it to them to emulate their labors. The original founders are gone but their memory lives on not only in this chronicle but is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew and loved them.

*As the Greek Church of the Annunciation observes its 50th anniversary it pays them the homage long overdue them. But belated recognition of their efforts in no way minimizes them. Nor should it be interpreted as a derogation of the efforts of later members who labored valiantly and are still laboring in the church's behalf. As for those whose names appear nowhere in this chronicle—and they are legion—they must not feel forgotten or neglected. Without them, what has been achieved would have been impossible. Their unsung deeds, though not chronicled herein, are known to God, and their collective contribution cannot be measured.*

Rochester's unique and wonderful Greek community depends upon its church for guidance and inspiration. For half a decade the spiritual leadership it has provided has kept the traditions and spirit of Hellenism alive. Those early founders could not have asked for more.—Dorothy Rousos Livadas

# COMMUNITY CANDIDS



Andrew Mickles, Member of National Laity Archdiocesan Council; His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos received by President of the United States Lyndon B. Johnson in 1967 at the White House, Washington, D.C.

Father Peter and Bessie Remoundos—1956



Chairman Eitsa Petsos and Odysseus Chapter President Jan Nickson honor Evelyn Mickles, Grand President of Daughters of Penelope at Testimonial Banquet on March 7, 1959.



Herbert P. Lansdale, Jr., Father George Nicozisin, Bruce Lansdale, Director, American Farm School, Thessalonica, Greece.



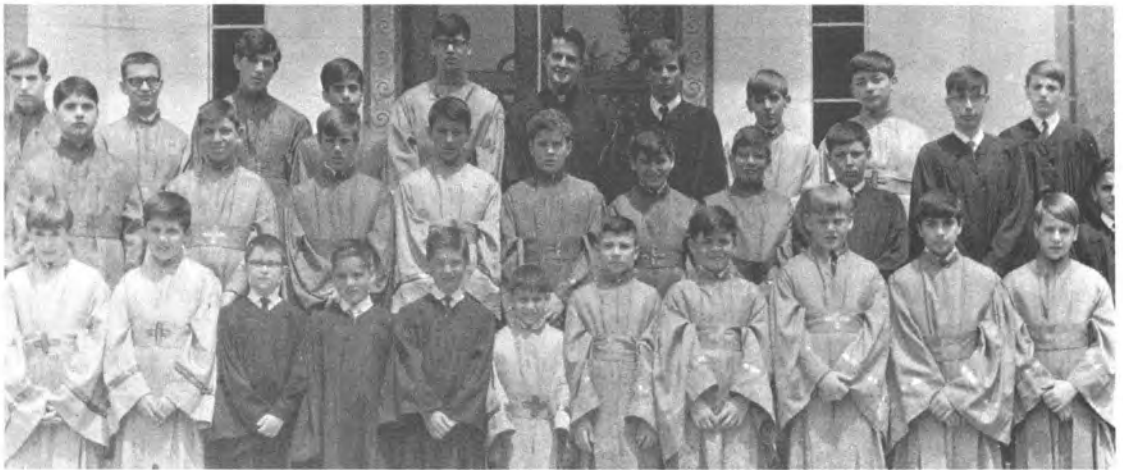
On a visit to his former Parish in 1967. Father George Gallos with Nick Nickson.



The "Presbyteres" of Rochester Left to right: Father George Gallos, Mrs. Anna Gallos, Mrs. Stephen Upson, Mrs. George Nicozisin, Mrs. John N. Gerotheou and Father George Nicozisin.



Officers and Board of Junior G O Y A—Father George Nicozisin, Olga Vaughn and Van Litto, Advisors.



Altar Boys—1968



Genesee Chapter, Sons of Pericles—Chris Litto, President, John Yioulos, District Marshall, Dimitri Yioulos, Supreme Governor.



# FR. NICOZISIN'S ASSISTANTS

Father Stephen H.R. Upson, Syrian Orthodox Church. A dedicated pastor who has faithfully served the Rochester Community for over 30 years



Mrs. Michael (Georgia) Caccamise, Church Secretary "The Head Angel"

Simos Economides, Greek School Teacher, Psaltis and Greek Secretary without whom what would we do?



# BYZANTINE NOTES



Deno Rousos—"Our first local choirmaster"—1932-1937. Shown with his wife Glace.



Mrs. Pauline Varlan (center) Choir Director in 1946-1947 spearheaded the new electric organ drive



Mrs. Anna G. Gallos, Choir Director, 1948-1954. The choir reached its greatest heights under her inspired direction



Mrs. Peggy Yalanis Mastros, Choir Director in 1954-1955. An Eastman graduate succeeded Anna Gallos.



Father Remoundos welcoming Charles Nick, Choir Director in 1955.



Miss Mary Skarlatos, present choir director and Mrs. George (Mary) Peters, Organist. Their leadership inspires continued musical excellence every Sunday



Here they are—today's choir.





## ORGANIZATIONS



Flower City Chapter #67—1st Row: (Third) Dennis J. Livadas, Past District Governor  
(4th) Dr. Chris Nichols, President

## ORDER OF AHEPA

The Flower City Chapter No. 67 of the Order of AHEPA is proud to salute the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation of Rochester, New York in its Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration. Since its founding in 1925 as one of the pioneer Chapters of the Order, the AHEPA and its auxiliaries have marched together with our Church in the service of our Community.

More than five hundred of our men and women, boys and girls have become initiated in the AHEPA and its Daughters, Sons, and Maids. Most of the leaders of our Community have been members—usually a majority and often all the members of the Council. Every church cause has been inspired, implemented, and financed with the individual and collective guidance, efforts, and donations of the AHEPA family. The AHEPA, in a way, has been our Church's lay representative to our fellow citizens.

Here in our own Community, our Chapter offered the first lessons in Americanization and citizenship; the only tie for many years with other communities; the only scholarships to our youth; the only support of the legitimate aspira-

tions of our communicants. We have held four AHEPA District Conventions in Rochester; four of our men have been elected District Governors, and several have held other District and National offices. Countless have been the new friendships, the new ideas, the new projects, the out-of-town contacts, the marriages these efforts have achieved.

AHEPA's national programs—sponsoring of patriotic events; support of freedom and security for Greece; endorsement of the Marshall Plan and the Truman Doctrine; the Greek War Relief; the War Bond Sales; self determination for Cyprus; the Greek Hospital Campaign—all these have helped the Mother Country which bore and nourishes our Church. The strong support for the Patriarchate by the United States Government and the recognition of our Church as a principal religion in many States have been attained largely by AHEPA. This has been splendid service to the faith of our fathers.

May our Chapter and our Church work as well together in the next half century of our magnificent partnership!—D.J.L.



Officers in 1959—Left to Right: Irene Vangellow Scaltsas, Nancy Nichols, Anne Marousis and Jennie Mickles

## DELTA PHI YPSILON

Organized in 1938 by a group of enterprising teenage girls of Greek descent, Delta Phi Ypsilon Sorority derived its name from the first letter of the three villages in which the girls' parents had lived before coming to the U.S.—Delta - Drosopighi, Phi - Flambouron, and Ypsilon - Ythrusa.

The charter members were: Kay (Sotir) Roides, president; Nea Marousis, vice president; Bess (Thomolaris) Roides, secretary; Bette (Vangellow) Marullo, treasurer; Helen (Sotir) Pappas; Jen (Styleades) Mickles; Mary (Styleades) Waltersdorf; Helen (Pines) Anastas; Ann (Roides) Ulterino; Helen (Broikou) Vangellow. Miss Eitsa Petsos was advisor and Miss Krisanthie Broikou the little sorority mascot.

Membership has increased to a total of approximately 55. Little sisters, sisters-in-law,

cousins, good friends, all have come to share a mutual bond of friendship.

The group originally met socially every Friday night. They have devoted their energies to such constructive endeavors as Greek War Relief, Red Cross, and many other World War II volunteer organizations. It has made many donations, often anonymously, to church projects.

The sorority celebrates its 30th anniversary on December 2, 1968. That the ties of sisterly love endure the demands of society upon one's daily life is proven by the fact DPY members are still together.

The community congratulates this worthwhile group and looks forward to having it with it far into the future for it is such groups which make Rochester a wonderful community in which to reside.—B.T.R.



Officers of Flower City Chapter—AHEPA—1940. Nick Rores, President



Phoebe Chapter #20—1968. Our future "Darling Daughters", Cathy Litto, President

## MAIDS OF ATHENA

Opportunities for Rochester's young girls to join together have not been lacking, and one such means has come about by the formation of The Maids of Athena, Phoebe Chapter #20, which was organized on August 1, 1938 during the District #6 Ahepa Convention at the Powers Hotel. Charter members were: Mary Christ, Sophie Geogoules, Helen George, Kathryn Noun, Katina Pappas, Mary Peters, Sarah Petsos, Sophie Pingio, Betty Roussos, Marion Roussos, Bessie Thomolaris and Angelica Zutes.

As membership increased the chapter found itself with over forty members at the beginning of World War II. With the help of Father Danaskos the group published a newspaper, *YOURS*, containing news of the community, which was sent to all Greek boys from this area serving Uncle Sam.

In 1947 Phoebe Chapter won a great honor. It was chosen the most outstanding chapter in District 6 and was awarded a silver cup. At the same meeting, a further honor was bestowed upon it when Miss Sophie Geogoules was elected District Governor.

Much is owed by the chapter to a brother Ahepan, Thomas Colovos, who served as district advisor. Several Daughters of Penelope have been a source of inspiration to Phoebe Chapter. They include: Mrs. Metaxia Criticos, Mrs. Aspasia Balta, Mrs. John Marousis, Mrs. Paul Katsampes, Mrs. Sophie Litto, Miss Nea Marousis, Mrs. Jan Nickson and Miss Evelyn Mickles.

The current (1968) membership consists of: Cathy Litto, Worthy Maid; Diane Yioulos,

Loyal Maid; Ianthe Livadas, Corresponding Secretary; Eleftheria Elias, Recording Secretary; Kathy Mitchell, Treasurer; Ann Harisis, Phylax; Cynthia Denas, Delphis; Stavroula Psyllos, Messenger; Cynthia Carafos, Sentinel. Others: Lynne Argyries, Kathy Carafos, Debbie Denas, Diana Carrousos, Carol Christy, Chryssa Strike, Penny Copoulos, Ann Mentis, Maralyn Onufryk, Cynthia Pantas, Georgette Ponzi, Paula Vangellow, Bertha Ventouris, Sue Nicholas and Christine Kerxhalli.

Among the Phoebe Chapter's accomplishments for the past year are: an installation; serving a luncheon for the Regional Sunday School Teachers' Conference; visiting the Children's Ward of Genesee Hospital; a turkey raffle; sending a package to a Greek boy in Viet Nam; donation of a check to the Greek Old Age Home in Yonkers, New York, a Christmas Party with the Sons at the home of Sister Ianthe Livadas; a Springtime Glendi; participation in an Ahepa Family Installation; giving a Greek program at the Zonta Club; sent calla-lillies to church for Holy Saturday; on Mother's Day visited the Chimney Nursing Home to present gifts; sent Ianthe Livadas and Diane Yioulos to the state convention at the Concord; elected Cathy Litto and Ianthe as delegates to the national convention in New York City.

As the community celebrates its 50th anniversary it can well point with pride at the accomplishments of its young girls, its Maids of Athena, whose dedication to the cause of service is a shining example for everyone to follow.





Odysseus Chapter #44—1968. Mary Waltersdorf, President

## DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

*Our general purpose is to cultivate the principles, which are known as the Hellenic Trinity, namely, Truth, Goodness and Beauty . . .*

With these inspiring words from the initiation ceremony thirty-three years ago, 20 young girls took the oath of the Daughters of Penelope. The neophytes of the Odysseus Chapter #44 signed their charter on December 15, 1935.

In a memorable ceremony in the Church Hall on Howell Street, Dorothy Rousos Livadas was installed as the first president of the Odysseus Chapter. The original twenty sisters were: Mary Varlan Bouras, Georgia Roussos Caccamise, Katherine Roussos George, Mary Moznick Gibson, Angeline Rousos Hoke, Aphrodite Livadas Janetos, Cleo Roussos Jeffries, Dorothy Rousos Livadas, Sophie Noun Nesser, Ethel Logothetis Mancuso, Mary Noun Dimitri, Evelyn Mickles, Mary Orphanos, Leona Pappas, Eitsa Petsos, Lyserhia Psatha Rousos, Esther Samys, Matina Logothetis Stevens, Rose Rousos Stull and Bertha Roussos Tsongas. The installation ceremonies were administered by the past supreme president of the Order of AHEPA, George Phillies of Buffalo and the District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope, Anne Mastoris of Buffalo.

Through the years the Odysseus Chapter became an integral part of the Rochester Greek Community. During the war, the girls, under the leadership of Mrs. Mary George Katsampes

as president sold thousands of dollars of war bonds and regularly served at the U.S.O. at the New York Central railroad depot. In 1946 a delegation attended the first District Post War Convention in Buffalo, New York. It was there that the Odysseus Chapter obtained its first District Lodge office when Evelyn Mickles was elected District Governor of the Empire State.

Later through the years, Cleo R. Jeffries, Eitsa Petsos, Tina Pappas York and Angeline Voxakis all served as District Marshalls. In 1967, Anjel Matheos was elected District Secretary.

The chapter has actively participated in civic and community affairs and through its able leadership sponsored many successful philanthropic fund raising projects. One of the most memorable events was the well-planned testimonial banquet under the chairmanship of Eitsa Petsos that was given in honor of Evelyn Mickles who was elected Grand President, the Daughter of Penelope's highest office, at the Boston National Convention in 1958.

From its original twenty charter members, eight remain active in the chapter today. The growth of the chapter has thrived through the years and now boasts seventy-seven members.

The members of the Odysseus Chapter congratulate the Rochester Community on its fiftieth anniversary and are proud to be a part of this very progressive and united community. —E.J.M.



American Legion—Post No. 1329. 1st Row: Dennis J. Livadas, Past County Commander, Van Litto, Post Commander

## HEXAGON POST

When the boys came home in 1945 and 1946 after the greatest war in history, they wanted to provide for our Community a bridge to the larger American community of our neighbors.

The American Legion was chosen as best suited to fulfill this dream, being the largest and most respected of all veterans' organizations. Some thirty charter members in 1946 established The Hexagon Post No. 1329, the only American Legion Post in Up-State New York of Greek descent veterans and one of the few in the entire country.

Since that time, The Hexagon Post has made alive the American Flag for our Community and shown the Greek Flag to all our fellow citizens. Scholarships, service programs, relief for the disabled, close comradeship, contribution of money and manpower to the community, are all to aid and support our people's needs. The Legionnaires, in peace, are serving just as effectively as once they served in war.

In the traditions of our Church, it is the soldier who guards the Epitaphion—the symbol that the word of God must be defended from the infidel by the sword of a God-like man. From Emperor Constantine to the Epanastasis

of 1821, from the "Ochi" in Albania in 1940 to the ordeal of Viet Nam today, our men have defended our heritage around the world. The Hexagon Post commemorates their service—all we have and all we hope to be as Americans and as Orthodox, we owe to all of them.

So with The Hexagon Post. The wide respect it enjoys in The American Legion and the recognition individual members have received reflect credit on us all. We take pride in the more than four hundred of our men in four wars who have worn with honor the uniform of the United States. Many brave men from our Town have made the supreme sacrifice for our Country; they hold a special place of reverence in our hearts. Our Community has loyally supported—without stint, evasion, or protest—America's struggle to protect the little people of the world.

The Greek Orthodox, too, were once a little people in America. We have earned the right, through our veterans, to be considered big. It is the solemn obligation of The Hexagon Post to honor these men—we are resolved to keep the faith with them forever.—D.J.L.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Miss Barbara Roides, Mrs. Eleanor Lipa and Mrs. Helen Vangellow—Sunday School Personnel



Mrs. Mary Russell's pre-nursery

Mrs. Zoe Stamatis' nursery



Mrs. Lorraine Theodorou's and Mrs. Josephine Elias' Kindergarten





Mrs. Irene Panarites' first grade



Mrs. Ann Gagon's first grade



Mrs. Florence Stefanou's first grade



Mrs. Jennie Mickles' second grade

Mrs. Petra Morabito's  
second grade



Mrs. Penny Irwin's third grade



Mrs. Janet Roumpapas' third grade



Mrs. Helen Heiler's fourth grade





Mrs. Glace Rousos' fourth grade



Mrs. Pat Tahou's fifth grade



Miss Marion Roussos' fifth grade



Stanley Carafos' sixth grade



Ted Pappas' seventh grade



Mike George's seventh grade



Mrs. Artemis Paras' eighth grade



Chris Chilas' and Andy Mickles' high school class





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—Koine, John I i, ii.

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